GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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RELEASE OF WATER TO RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts have been made by the Government to release its share of water to Rajasthan as per the agreement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the same is likely to be done?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The development of water resources in the inter-State rivers passing through the State of Rajasthan is being done within the available inter-State agreements/ awards. The status of availability of waters allocated to Rajasthan in the important agreements/awards is as under:-

Status of Ravi, Beas, Sutlej waters:

As per the inter-State agreement dated 31.12.1981 regarding sharing of surplus (i.e. over and above pre-partition utilization totaling 3.13 MAF) Ravi-Beas waters, Rajasthan was allocated 10.61 Billion Cubic Metre (B.cu.m) (8.60 MillionAcre Feet (MAF) water out of mean supply of 21.19 B.cu.m. (17.17 MAF) ofsurplus Ravi-Beas waters. The agreement included a provision where by Punjab was authorized to utilize 0.6 MAF from Rajasthan's share till such time Rajasthan was in a position to utilize its full share of 8.6 MAF. The agreement also empowered the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) to takeall necessary measures for ensuring deliveries to all concerned States in accordance with their entitlement. BBMB in its meeting held on 3.12.82 decided an ad-hoc interim arrangment for distribution of water. According to which the share of Rajasthan's entitlement works out to 8.0 MAF against its full share of 8.6 MAF. Rajasthan has been requesting for the remaining share of 0.6 MAF. The share and deliveries made by BBMB since 1990-91 to 2001-02 to Rajasthan are as below:

Year (21/5 to 20/5)	Share (MAF)	Deliveries (MAF)
1990-91	8.048	9.919
1991-92	7.658	9.457
1992-93	7.925	8.614
1993-94	6.642	6.857
1994-95	8.558	9.960
1995-96	8.241	10.041
1996-97	7.632	10.096
1997-98	8.708	10.209
1998-99	8.568	10.273
1999-2000	8.402	10.495
2000-01	6.841	6.717
2001-02	6.930	7.953

Status of Yamuna waters

As per the Memorandum of Understanding dated 12.5.1994 reached between the beneficiary States regarding allocation of surface flow of the river Yamuna upto Okhala, Rajasthan has been allocated 1.119 B.cu.m of Yamuna waters. However, Rajasthan is unable to get the allocated share of Yamuna Waters due to constraints of capacity of conveyance system, non-completion of new canal systems in the States of Haryana and Rajasthan and remodeling of existing canals. In order to utilize the Yamuna Waters in Rajasthan, two proposals namely utilization of Yamuna water in Bharatpur district and utilization of Yamuna water in Jhunjhunu and Churu districts submitted by the State Government were considered by the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources in its meeting held on 7.2.2003 and both the proposals were accepted subject to certain observations. Status of Narmada waters

The Rajasthan's share of 616.74 Million cubic metre (0.5 MAF) of Narmada waters will be conveyed through 460 Km long Narmada Main Canal taking off from the Sardar Sarovar Project upto the border of Rajasthan and there after by 74 km long main canal and distributaries in the State of Rajasthan. The construction work of the Main Canal by the Government of Gujarat is under progress and the canal upto Rajasthan Border is planned to be completed by June 2005. The entire canal network including distribution system in the State of Rajasthan is planned to be completed by the Government of Rajasthan by 2009-2010.